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The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) urges lawmakers to oppose provisions in HB-5055 which would eliminate a critical tool in municipal revenue collection by allowing registrations to be processed even though individuals and businesses owe delinquent property taxes. This would result in a 5% drop in motor vehicle tax revenues, which is a big drop in revenue for small towns. This amount is expected to increase over time. The current system which prevents people from registering their motor vehicles if they owe back taxes has been in place since 1935 and should not be blamed for the recent problems plaguing DMV.

Please delete Sections 5, 7 and 8 of the bill, which repeal this important mechanism.

Thank you.

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